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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20237

Sir:

Prior to substantive action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 2, lines 1-2, please delete "characterized in that" and substitute therefor -- wherein --.

In claim 3, lines 1-2, please delete "any one of Claims 1-2, characterized in that" and substitute therefor -- claim 1, wherein --.

In claim 4, line 1, please delete "any one of Claims, 1-3" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

In claim 5, line 1, please delete "any one of Claims 1-3" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

In claim 6, line 2, please delete "any one of Claims 1-5" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

In claim 7, line 2, please delete "any one of Claims 1-6" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

**REMARKS**

The amendments to the claims set forth above were made to remove the multiple dependencies.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is courteously solicited. However, if any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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